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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: TOCY, MO, AG, SP, IT  
SUBJECT: VOYAGE OF R/V EASTWARD

REFS: (A) ALGIERS 1403; (B) STATE 29152;  
(C) STATE 108742.

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS INFORMED US THAT  
THEY ARE SENDING NOTE ASKING STILL MORE QUESTIONS.  
THIS TIME THEY WANT (A) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF  
THE RESEARCH PROGRAM, (B) IDENTITY OF CREW AND OF  
SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL, AND (C) DESCRIPTION OF  
"CHARACTERISTICS" OF THE VESSEL.

2. WE GAVE DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH PROGRAM IN OUR  
ORIGINAL NOTE (FEBRUARY), WHICH CONTAINED THE  
INFORMATION IN REFTEL B. THERE ARE MORE DETAILS  
IN THE DOCUMENT POUCHED TO US FEBRUARY 7 BY WILLIAN  
ERB OF OES/OFA/MST BUT THIS IS IN ENGLISH AND INCLUDES  
MANY TECHNICAL TERMS WHICH WE NOT QUALIFIED TO  
TRANSLATE. REQUEST DEPARTMENT SUPPLY US WITH  
STATEMENT IN FRENCH OF MAIN POINTS IN FEBRUARY 7  
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DOCUMENT. STATEMENT SHOULD GO BEYOND INFORMATION  
GIVEN IN REFTEL B.

3. WE CAN GET NAMES OF CREW FROM REFTEL C BUT NEED  
NAMES OF SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL. REQUEST DEPARTMENT  
PROVIDE.

4. OUR ORIGINAL NOTE ALSO GAVE TONNAGE, LENGTH AND DRAFT OF VESSEL. REQUEST ANY FURTHER INFORMATION (POSSIBLY PICTURE) THAT MIGHT SATISFY GOA REQUEST FOR MORE ON SHIP'S "CHARACTERISTICS".

5. COMMENT. MFA SAYS INFORMATION IS WANTED BY MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. VAGUENESS OF REQUESTS FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RESEARCH PROGRAM AND CHARACTERISTICS OF VESSEL MAY MEAN THAT MATTER IS IN HANDS OF OFFICIAL WHO DOESN'T WANT TO SAY EITHER YES OR NO AND HAS FOUND THE IDEAL, IF TEMPORARY, SOLUTION OF ASKING MORE QUESTIONS. DEPARTMENT, NSF AND DUKE UNIVERSITY PLEASE BEAR WITH US.

6. WE NOTE THAT FIFTH AND SIXTH COORDINATES IN REF. C NOT POSSIBLE IF HEADINGS IN REF C ARE CORRECT. ASSUME FIFTH IS ONE DEGREE, 30 MINUTES EAST INSTEAD OF WEST. ASSUME EAST INSTEAD OF WEST IS ALSO MEANT FOR SIXTH COORDINATE. FINALLY, WE NOTE THAT COURSE IN REF C IS NOT SAME AS SHOWN ON MAP IN POUCHED MATERIAL. WE MUST GIVE GOA CORRECT COURSE, ALTHOUGH IF DIFFERENT FROM MAP WE WILL HAVE SOME EXPLAINING TO DO. REQUEST CLARIFICATION. STEPHAN

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